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Production of Quality Seeds
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that seed is a basic input for attaining higher crop yields and sustained growth in agricultural production, if so, the steps taken by the Government during the last one year to improve production and distribution of assured quality seeds to small and marginal farmers at controlled rates; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that seed industry is not only producing adequate quantity of quality seeds but also achieving varietal diversity to suit various agro-climatic zones of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government has made adequate arrangements to improve production and distribution of certified/quality seeds to farmers including small and marginal farmers at reasonable rates through various crop development programmes /schemes. The details are at Annexure. During the year 2015-16 a total quantity of 343.52 lakh quintals of certified/quality seeds were produced and made available against the requirement of 337.09 lakh quintals.

India follows a well established seed generation system of production of seeds from Breeder Seeds to foundation and then certified seeds. To produce adequate quantity of certified/quality seeds of suitable varieties for various agro climatic zones of the country, 86213.25 quintals of Breeder Seed was produced by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institutes and State Agricultural Universities in 2014-15. Based on indents received both from the public sector (including State Governments) and private industry, 68517.74 quintals was allocated to all the seed producers in 2015-16 for production of adequate quantity of certified/quality seeds.